

Gravitational Bending of Light

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By doing the transformation $r = 1/u$, equation (2.80)* becomes:

$$\frac{d^2u}{d\varphi^2} + u = 2\alpha \left[u^2 + \left(\frac{du}{d\varphi} \right)^2 \right] \quad (2.81)^*$$

Where $\alpha \equiv \frac{GM}{C_\infty^2}$ and M the attracting mass, equation (2.81)* represents

with a good approximation a hyperbolic path for light ray:

The second member of (2.81)*, in the case of the Sun, is negligible compared with the terms of the first member; thus we can write, for the moment, the second member equal to zero:

$$\frac{d^2u_{zero}}{d\varphi^2} + u_{zero} = 0 \quad (\text{zero order equation})$$

The solution of this equation is a straight line:

$$u_{zero} = K \cdot \cos \varphi \quad (\text{zero order solution})$$

where K is the constant of the integration and angle φ is measured from the direction of maximum u or the same thing, the minimum r (i.e. for $\varphi = 0$ $r = r_0 =$ minimum and thus $K=1/r_0$), thus we get

$$u_{zero} = (1/r_0) \cdot \cos \varphi$$

Substituting, now the last expression for u_{zero} into the second member of our initial equation (2.81)*, it becomes:

$$\frac{d^2u_{FIRST}}{d\varphi^2} + u_{FIRST} = \frac{2\alpha}{r_0^2} \quad (\text{first order equation})$$

The solution of the last equation gives the first order solution of our initial equation (2.81)*:

$$u_{FIRST} = \frac{1}{r} = \frac{2\alpha}{r_0^2} + K' \cdot \cos \varphi \quad (\text{first order solution of the equation (2.81)*})$$

This first order solution represents a conic section (hyperbola) and K' is the integration constant (to be determined): for $\varphi = 0$, $r = r_o$ and thus

$$K' = \frac{1}{r_o} \left(1 - \frac{2\alpha}{r_o} \right) ; \text{ thus the first order solution becomes}$$

$$u_{FIRST} = \frac{1}{r} = \frac{2\alpha}{r_o^2} + \frac{1}{r_o} \left(1 - \frac{2\alpha}{r_o} \right) \cdot \cos \varphi$$

This last equation gives $u_{FIRST} = 0$ or $r = \infty$ when $\varphi = \varphi_\infty$,

$$\cos \varphi_\infty = - \frac{(2\alpha / r_o)}{(1 - 2\alpha / r_o)} \approx - \frac{2\alpha}{r_o},$$

thus we get for $\varphi_\infty = \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{2\alpha}{r_o}$.

The angle of the two asymptotes of the hyperbola minus π , gives the deflection of the light ray:

$$D = (2\varphi_\infty - \pi) \approx \frac{4\alpha}{r_o} \equiv \frac{4GM}{r_o C_\infty^2} \tag{2.82}^*$$

(r_o is the closest distance of the path of light from the attracting central mass M).

*This numbering of relations is referred in the Text of the essay:
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